bank's advances is not generated by the data reporting system of Reserve Bank of India. However, the total advances of Public Sector Banks for small scale industries, which include also agro-based industries as on September, 1991 (latest available) were Rs. 16,560 crores in 28.2 lacs accounts.

(b) and (c). The lending by Regional Rural Banks or nationlised banks to the viable ventures is an ongoing process and the question of imposing any ban does not arise. While formulating credit policy for Banks, Reserve Bank of India ensures that the genuine need of priority sector advances is not affected and the borrowers belonging to this sector do not face any difficulty in obtaining credit from the bank.

Law Commission's Recommendations

3771. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: Will the minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the main recommendations made by the Law Commission to incorporate an amendment in the Indian Penal Code, the Civil Procedure Code and Evidence Act; and

(b) the progress made so far to implement these recommendations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b). The main recommendations made by the Law Commission to incorporate amendments in the Indian Penal Code, Code of Civil Procedure and Evidence Act are container in its 42nd Report on "Indian Penal Code, 1860" 54 th Report on Code of Civil Procedure, 1908", and 69th Report on "Indian Evidence Act, 1872". Such of those recommendations contained in 54th Report which have been found acceptable to Government were implemented by the Code of Civil Procedure (Amendment) Act, 1976. As regards recommendations contained in 42 nd and 69th Reports, no final decision has been taken so far.

Imports of books

3772. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA:
SHRI C.P. MUDALA GIRIYAPPA:
SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO:
SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of difficulties faced by importers to import books do to restrictions and devaluation of the rupee;

(b) whether Government propose to lift the restrictions on import of various categories of books and educational literature and reduce the cash margin deposit requirements thereon; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Due to balance of payment difficulties, certain restrictions were imposed by way of cash margin requirements before permitting opening of Letters of Credit for import of various categories of goods including books. With the improvement in the balance of payment position, these strications have since been removed.

[*Translation*)

Visit of Indian delegation to European countries

3773. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Economic and Trade delegation visited European countries to find out the scope of trade and economic collaborations with those countries;

(b) whether the delegations has submitted its report to the Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a)to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Losses to sugar units due to exports

3774. DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA:
SHRI NITISH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn towards the newsitem appearing in Hindustan Times dated January 20, 1992 under the caption "sugar units heavy losses due to exports";

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c whether the Sugar industry has suffered a loss of about rupees 44 crores due to export of sugar this year;

(d) whether the Sugar industry has declared certain relaxation for this industry to make up this loss; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e). It was stated in the newsitem that

(i) Loss is being incurred on the export of sugar, which is shared on a pro-rata basis by all sugar mills, even after taking into account the profits earned from the export of preferential quotas.

(ii) Various measures were initiated by Indian Sugar & General Industry Export - Import Corporation (ISGIEIC) to improve acceptability of Indian sugar in world market in respect of both quality and packing.

(iii) ISGIEIC has been fulfilling all its contracts fully, to the entire, to the entire satisfaction of foreign buyers.

(iv) India has been recognised as a dependable supplier of sugar.

(v) Sugar industry is opposed to second or larger number of agencies including individual sugar mills to export sugar.

In view of increased production of sugar and on persistent requests from the sugar industry, initially a quantity of 2 lakhs MTs of sugar was released for export during 1991-92 with adhoc CCS @ 20% of FOB value on exports. The quantity was later increased to 5 lakh MTs with CCS containing @ 20%. CCS on all exports, including for sugar, was discontinued w.e.f. 3rd July, 1991. An instrument called EXIM scrip was introduced in lieu of CCS and IEP liences. W.e.f. 1.3.92 Exim scrip has also been discontinued consequent on partial convertibility of rupee announced in the Budget.

The quantity released for export included 20, 500 MTs of preferential quota sugar for